

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 3-5 have been added. Claims 1-5 are pending and under consideration.

Independent claim 1 recites each said blade is in the form of a bag of which the rear end portion with respect to the rotating direction thereof is cut to form an opening. In contrast, Tomkins discloses that the direction of wind is shown in arrow 40, however, the sail assembly 28a of this reference does not have an opening, as claimed.

Claim 1 further recites that the opening has a uniform cross section along the vertical rotating shaft. However, the cross section of the sail assembly 28c along the pivot shaft 26 is not constant. Tomkins, FIG. 4.

Furthermore, claim 2 depends from claim 1 and recites a guide plate projecting in the rotating direction from the opening of the blade. The Examiner relies upon the trim tab 34 of Tomkins. However, as mentioned above, since the sail assembly 28a of Tomkins does not have an opening, Tomkins does not disclose the claimed guide plate.

New independent claim 5 is patentably distinguishable over the cited reference at least for the above reasons as discussed with respect to claim 1.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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